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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus, comprising:

a housing having a flat upper surface area, which houses a finder unit, an electronic image pickup unit and an image display device, and which is provided with an image display device operating member which is used to operate the image display device on an outer surface thereof, wherein:

an image display screen of the image display device is disposed at a rear surface area of the outer surface of the housing,

an eyepiece window of the finder unit is located at a left side on the rear surface area of the outer surface of the housing in a vicinity of an upper end of the rear surface area,

the eyepiece window is located above the image display screen of the image display device on the rear surface area,

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the end portion of the housing, which is located at a right side of the image display screen on the outer surface of the housing, is configured to be held by the right hand of a user, and

20 the image display device operating member is located at the right side of the image display screen of the image display device on the rear surface area such that the image display device operating member is operable by the thumb of the right hand of the user that holds the right end portion of the housing.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Cancelled).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising an electronic flash which is housed in the housing, and which emits light, and

5 wherein the housing further comprises an electronic flash window which allows light emitted from the electronic flash to be projected toward the object, and the electronic flash window is arranged at an upper portion of a front surface area in the outer surface of the housing.

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Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a signal terminal which is used to output an image signal generated by the electronic image pickup unit and which is arranged in a side end
5 area of another end portion of the housing located in a left side of the image display screen on the outer surface of the housing.

Claims 18-20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a shutter button is located at a right side on the flat upper surface area of the outer surface of the housing and an operation button for
5 operating the pickup apparatus is located at the left side of the shutter button on the flat upper surface area.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 21, wherein a photographic

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information display window is located at a left side of the shutter button on the flat upper surface area.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the eyepiece window is located at a left side of the image display screen on the rear surface area.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented). An electronic image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the housing has a battery storage space, which stores a battery, and a battery opening, through which the battery is inserted in and removed
5 from the battery storage space, at a right side on a bottom surface area of the outer surface of the housing, and

a battery cap is attached to the battery opening such that the battery cap is rotatable between a closed position, at which the battery cap closes the battery opening, and an open position,
10 in which the battery cap is rotated downward from the battery opening to allow the insertion and removal of the battery to and from the battery storage space.